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REMARKS

In the present Office Action, claims 15, 25 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,741,057 (hereinafter Maschinot); claim 31 was allowed; and claims 16-24 and 26-28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

While Applicants do not agree that Machinot anticipates claims 15, 25 and 30, Applicants have, nevertheless, amended the claims to put them in condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicants have amended: independent claim 15 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 18 (which was objected to); dependent claim 18 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 17 (which was objected to) and to depend upon independent claim 31; claims 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28 to depend upon claim 31 (which was allowed); and independent claim 30 to include the additional feature of "at least two adjustable gibs which accept the frame."

As independent claims 15, 30 and 31 each include subject matter that was indicated to be allowed or allowable, Applicants submit that all of claims 15-28, 30 and 31 are now allowable.


CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15-28, 30 and 31 are now allowable. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

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